

**Amendments to Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

**What is claimed is:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) settings on a computer having only a non-graphical user interface for manually manipulating TCP/IP configuration flat files, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a graphical user interface for configuring the TCP/IP settings including at least one control;

integrating the graphical user interface with the non-graphical user interface;

accessing data contained within at least one configuration flat file containing the TCP/IP settings for said computer;

displaying the TCP/IP settings based upon said accessed data within said graphical user interface; and

altering one or more of said TCP/IP settings within said at least one configuration flat file responsive to manipulation of said at least one control.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said graphical user interface is configured for at least one of a 32-bit multiple virtual storage operating system and a 64-bit multiple virtual storage operating system.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
integrating said graphical user interface with an interface component of an

operating system of said computer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
displaying help relating to configuring TCP/IP communication settings of said  
computer within said graphic user interface.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps  
of:

providing a selection list within said graphical user interface, said selection list  
including a multitude of user-selectable settings for at least one configuration parameter  
of said configuration flat file; and

updating said configuration parameter responsive to a selection within said  
selection list.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
synchronizing multiple ones of said at least one configuration flat file using said  
graphical user interface.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
checking a validity of at least one parameter stored within said configuration flat  
file using said graphical user interface.

9-22. (Cancelled).